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1. ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART PERHAPS TO APPROACHING MARCH 30 ANNIVERSARY OF CAYAN'S DEATH, IZMIR AREA AND SURROUNDING TOWN HAVE EXPERIENCED IN LAST DAYS SUBSTANTIALY INCREASED NUMBER OF ATTEMPTED AND ACTUAL BOMBINGS. TARGETS PRIMARILY INCLUDED NAP-IDEALIST HEARTH TARGETS, BANKS, AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, PLUS AMCONGEN IZMIR RESIDENCE (MARCH 29) AND CAR OF AMERICAN CIVILIAN DEPENDENTS HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

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(MARCH 29). WE ASSUME FROM TARGETS THAT LEFTIST EXTREMISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO NOTES OR OTHER CLAIMS OF RESPONSIBILITY. INCLUSION OF AMCONGEN'S RESIDENCE AND TEACHER'S CAR, FOLLOWING BY FEW WEEKS BOMBING OF IZMIR USIS LIBRARY INDICATE, OF COURSE, THAT ASSAILANTS HAVE BEGUN TO INCLUDE US INSTITUTIONS/PERSONNEL AMONG THEIR OBJECTIVES.

2. DURING NIGHT OF MARCH 28-29 BOMB EXPLODED IN RESIDENCE

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BALCONY OF NAP KARSIYAKA COUNTY PRESIDENT (RETIRED ARMY COLONEL) CAHIT DOGAN CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE. (DOGAN'S HOME ALSO BOMBED SOME WEEKS PREVIOUSLY.) ANOTHER BOMB DETONATED AT IS-BANK BRANCH IN IZMIR'S GUZELYALI DISTRICT (NEAR CONGEN'S RESIDENCE). EXPLOSION REPORTEDLY CAUSED SEVERE PROPERTY DAMAGE TO BANK AND BLEW OUT WINDOWS IN NEIGHBORING APARTMENT HOUSE. MINUTES LATER ANOTHER BOMB EXPLODED NEARBY IN FRONT OF ANOTHER APARTMENT

HOUSE BREAKING WINDOWS AND DAMAGING TWO CARS. FOURTH BOMB EXPLODED AT HOME OF IZMIR REFINERY EMPLOYEE SAID TO BE IDEALIST-MISK ACTIVIST. FIFTH BOMB EXPLODED 35 KM OUTSIDE OF IZMIR AT TORBALI JP COUNTY OFFICES. IN ALL OF FOREGOING NO HUMAN INJURY, AND ALL WERE NIGHTTIME ATTACKS.

3. ACCORDING PRESS, IN ANTALYA PROVINCE, HOME OF RPP ELMALI

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COUNTY PRESIDENT WAS FIRED ON, WHETHER BY RIGHTISTS OR LEFTIST EXTREMISTS UNKNOWN.

4. DURING NIGHT OF MARCH 27-28, NAP CLUBS IN SALIHLI (MANISA PROV.) AND CINE (AYDIN PROV.) WERE BOMBED. THREE PERSONS INJURED AT SALIHLI. DURING SAME NIGHT TURGULTU (MANISA PROV.) BRANCH OF AGRICULTURE BANK WAS BOMBED; SOME MINUTES LATER, ACCORDING PRESS, NEARBY FARM IMPLEMENTS STORE ALSO BOMBED. FOLLOWING DAY AN UNDETONATED BOMB REPORTEDLY WAS FOUND IN TURGUTLU DOWNTOWN AREA.

5. DURING NIGHT OF MARCH 26-27 CAR BELONGING TO ERDAL YOYLU, JP FETHIYE COUNTY (MUGLA PROV.) PRESIDENT, ALSO BOMBED. DURING SAME NIGHT, POLICE CAME UPON YOUTHS IN AYDIN POSTING TPLA POSTERS. YOUTHS FIRED UPON POLICE (WHO REPORTEDLY RETURNED FIRE) AND ESCAPED. ELSEWHERE THAT NIGHT IN AYDIN (THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL) FIGHT BROKE OUT AT RPP RALLY WHEN A MALE STUDENT FROM LOCAL JUNIOR COLLEGE CHANTED "FREEDOM TO THE KURDS" (EXTREME LEFTIST CATCH-PHASE). IN SCUFFLE WITH UMIT DIRIK, RPP PROV. PRESIDENT, YOUTH REPORTEDLY BROKE DIRIK'S ARM.

6. EVENING OF MARCH 25 IZMIR BRANCH OF THE CENTRAL BANK AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEARBY BUILDING BELONGING TO EGE-MAK BOMBED SOME FIFTEEN MINUTES

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APART. (IN LATTER INSTANCE THREE SMALL CHILDREN DISCOVERED "PACKAGE" LYING IN FRONT OF EGE-MAK AND BOMB EXPLODED WHILE THEY SOUGHT UNWRAP IT. ALL THREE SERIOUSLY INJURED.) PREVIOUS NIGHT THREE PERSONS FIRED INTO IDEALIST-FREQUENTED COFFEE HOUSE IN IZMIR DISTRICK (GURCESME) INJURING ONE PERSON BEFORE ESCAPING.

7. ONE OF THREE PERSONS INJURED WHEN HATAY CULTURAL SOLIDARITY ASSN. BOMBED BY RIGHTIST WORKERS MARCH 16 (REF B), DIED ON MARCH 27 TOUCHING OFF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND ONE DAY STUDENT BOYCOTT MARCH 29 ON AEGEAN UNIVERSITY. WHILE ANNIVERSARY OF CAYAN'S DEATH, AS NOTED ABOVE, PROBABLE CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO INCREASE IN BOMBINGS, DEATH OF THIS LEFTIST STUDENT DOUBTLESS ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO WORSENING CLIMATE OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE.

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